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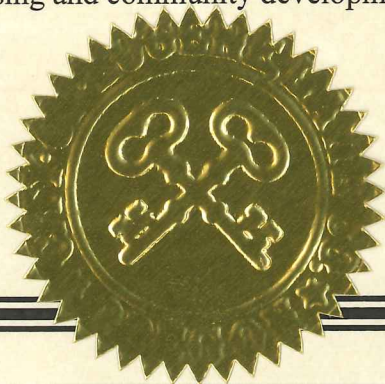
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** for more than 70 years it has been the policy of this nation under the U.S. Housing Act to promote the general welfare of the nation by employing its funds and credit to assist the states and their political subdivisions in remedying the unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for families of lower income; and
- WHEREAS:** according to the *State of the Nation's Housing* report, nearly 41 million households now pay more than half of their income for housing; and
- WHEREAS:** according to current estimates, on any given night, there are nearly 650,000 homeless nationwide and up to 3.5 million persons who experience homelessness at some point throughout the year; and
- WHEREAS:** according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's 2014 *Out of Reach* report, in no state can a full-time minimum wage earner afford either a one- or two-bedroom rental unit at Fair Market Rate; and
- WHEREAS:** according to the National Housing Conference, health care workers and many other working professionals are priced out of homeownership in the majority of U.S. metropolitan areas nationwide; and
- WHEREAS:** public housing is home to more than 2.3 million people, 37 percent of whom are children, and faces an estimated more than \$26 billion backlog in capital repairs; and
- WHEREAS:** at least 20 national associations and organizations remain united in an effort to raise public awareness of the importance of affordable housing and community development programs and resources; and
- WHEREAS:** these groups have declared October to be Housing America Month, part of a year-long, national campaign to inform the public and decision makers of the critical need to address the nation's housing and community development concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim October 2014 to be

"Housing America Month"

in Eugene, Oregon and urge our citizens to support this important endeavor to address local affordable housing and community development needs.



Kitty Piercy

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